

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

August 14, 2013

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lavery, Esq. what needs to be done to allow a committee member to be present through the phone for the meeting.

Mr. Lavery explained that if the committee would like to do this the law presently allows attending the meeting by phone if this is the procedure that the committee agrees upon.

Discussion ensued as to the Committee members not being present at meetings and being able to call in to attend.

Mr. Smith made a motion to allow Committee people to call in to attend meetings, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Clancy

Nays: Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2013 regular meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: Mr. Clancy

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2013 regular meeting with corrections, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

Mr. Watters asked about the electric bill for the new DPW building was double so the Supervisor will be watching the electric usage.

Mr. Watters suggested that we look into switching phone companies.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Pandos stated that the Municipal Planner sent our response to COAH and we are in a holding pattern.

Mr. Pandos stated that we are still waiting for the State to approve the Reassessment and they questioned whether or not we are going to be updating our tax maps, and the Assessor explained that we have always up kept our tax maps.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the committee was given copies of the bid prices that were received for the Electric Supplier.

Mr. Watters explained that he understands that with Ambit if the electric price goes down then the Township is able to lock into the lower bill and if the price goes up the Township will stay at the amount that we sign on for and if the Township is able to get 15 meters under our account then there is a cost savings.

Mr. Watters asked Mr. Farino to come forward and explain the savings with Ambit.

Mr. Watters stated that he felt that there would be an additional savings to the Township if we were able to share this opportunity with other municipalities and were able to have 15 meters listed.

Mr. Watters made a motion to reject all bids, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa explained that he met with the contractor for the Diamond Hill Road Project and addressed

some of the issues with the project.

Mr. DiSessa stated that the bid packages will be provided to the Township Committee by the next meeting for review and hopefully be advertised for the first meeting in September.

Mr. Watters asked if this time frame will work for the grant.

Mr. DiSessa stated that we are not required to complete the work until December 2014.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Fred Robbins, ABCODE Security, explained his proposal for the Camera Security system.

Mr. Watters and Mr. Smith agreed that this will need to go out to get one more proposal and hopefully be able to compare the bids.

Mr. Kocher asked why there was a vote for the conference call.

Mr. Lavery stated that he was asked the question if the call was allowed and he explained that it is allowed as long as the Township Committee agrees the Township does not allow for people to participate by phone.

Tracey Wyckoff asked about the field hockey fields not being mowed.

Mr. Smith stated that he would speak to Mr. Sliker about why the current contractor is not keeping these fields mowed.

Carol Thompson asked if Mr. Lavery about the legality of the deed.

Mr. Lavery stated that the agreement is between the two people included in the deed and they are the only ones that can enforce all of the restrictions. The agreement does not allow the Township to enforce the terms of the agreement.

Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Lavery discussed Mrs. Thompson's issues with the regulations for Route 57 Auto.

Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Lavery if the Township approved the additional license for used cars.

Mr. Lavery stated that if the State issued the license then the Township approved the license.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to leave current Recreation commissioners in as Recreation committee members until December 31, 2013, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2013 –92
TRANSFER OF MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUST FUNDS
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield deemed it in the best interest of the Township to amend the Cash Management Plan to include as a authorized bank for deposit Unity Bank,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer is authorized to transfer the following Mansfield Township trust accounts from Fulton Bank of New Jersey to Unity Bank.

Municipal Alliance

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-92, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Watters made a motion to have the clerk fill out the application for the gypsy moth survey to be performed, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:22 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Return to regular session at 9:48pm, all members present.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to issue a RICE notice to the employee that was discussed in Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to accept the settlement of the Tax Assessor for Mansfield Plaza, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Gramco for the meeting room sound equipment and computer, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Sliker, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy made a motion to advertise for the position of Department of Public Works Supervisor, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kocher

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to adjourn at 9:52pm, which was carried by all.